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Public Input Sought for Año Nuevo State Park, Año Nuevo State Reserve, Butano State Park

The public can play a major role and assist California State Parks in planning the future of Año Nuevo State Park, Año Nuevo State Reserve and Butano State Park, state park officials announced today.

The process will get underway August 26, 2003 when State Parks conducts the first in a series of public workshops to take public comment. The workshop will be held from 7 p.m. until 9:30 p.m. in the La Honda-Pescadero School District Office, 620 North Street, Pescadero, CA.

"This planning process will define how we can best preserve and enjoy all three parks' unique values and resources," said Project Manager Robin Ettinger. "The public's input will be very valuable."

Because of the widespread public interest in the three parks and the ongoing Big Basin Redwoods State Park planning effort, there will be many opportunities for public input in the planning process. At this first workshop, State Parks needs the publics' help in identifying major issues and concerns such as: what recreation opportunities are desired; what facilities are needed; what lands require special protection; and which natural, historical and cultural values should be enhanced and interpreted.

The agenda will include public comments and a presentation on the planning goals and process, and a review of the scope of the general plan for the three parks. General plans are broad policy documents that direct park management and future development. The planning process will produce a completed general plan for each park.

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Three general plans will be prepared simultaneously by State Parks and each plan will:

- Identify significant natural, cultural, aesthetic and recreation values and resources;
- Determine land use, park development and visitor activities that are appropriate and compatible with the park and surround areas;
- Establish guidelines for operations, protection, preservation and interpretation of resources, and development of facilities; and
- Determine the significant environmental effects of land uses and visitor activities and possible mitigations.

Persons interested in sending written comments may send them to the following:

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